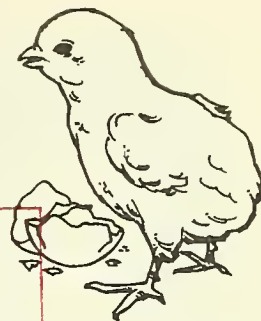


HATCHERY PRODUCTION



February 1965

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Chick Production

Chick production by hatcheries during February 1965 was 225,080,000 compared with 227,564,000 in February 1964, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Broiler chicks totaled 188,072,000, up 2 percent from February last year. During the first two months of 1965 there were 378,607,000 broiler chicks produced -- up 3 percent from comparable period last year. Broiler-type eggs in incubators March 1 were up 2 percent from March 1, last year.

There were 37,008,000 egg-type chicks hatched in February -- down 12 percent from February 1964. The one day less in February this year accounted for some of the decrease along with a sharp drop in eggs set the first part of February. An increase of 6 percent was reported in the South Atlantic States. All other regions of the country reported decreases, 28 percent in the North Atlantic, 20 percent in the West, 11 percent in the West North Central, 9 percent in the East North Central, and 7 percent in the South Central States. The number of egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1 was down 20 percent from March 1 last year.

Poult Production

Heavy breed poults hatched in February 1965 were 7,627,000 -- up 2 percent from February 1964. The hatch of heavy white breeds was 3,804,000 -- an increase of 21 percent. The hatch of other heavy breeds (mostly broadbreasted bronze) totaled 3,823,000 -- down 12 percent from February last year. Production of light breed poults totaled 752,000 -- down 7 percent from February last year. There were 12,146,000 turkey poults hatched during the first two months of 1965. This was 1 percent less than during these months in 1964. The number of heavy breed eggs in incubators on March 1 was down 4 percent from March 1 last year. The number of light breed eggs in incubators on March 1 was down 3 percent from February last year.

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	Feb.		Jan. through Feb.		Feb.	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,784	5,582	11,314	11,362	443	314
N.H.	829	518	1,639	1,091	190	259
Vt.	0	0	0	0	47	30
Mass.& R.I. 1/	712	695	1,338	1,372	1,003	872
Conn.	1,862	1,437	3,549	2,790	829	509
N.Y.	130	50	265	85	1,670	1,500
N.J.	151	186	301	342	1,010	500
Pa.	4,035	4,165	7,916	8,477	2,960	1,885
N.A.	13,503	12,633	26,322	25,519	8,152	5,869
Ohio	480	550	900	1,300	2,060	1,750
Ind.	2,325	1,734	4,689	3,405	2,189	1,962
Ill.	115	77	205	176	1,556	1,538
Mich.	450	390	910	780	1,220	850
Wis.	776	870	1,516	1,670	449	700
E.N.C.	4,146	3,621	8,220	7,331	7,474	6,800
Minn.	880	612	1,872	1,335	1,304	1,031
Iowa	190	105	380	205	1,200	1,000
Mo.	4,501	3,026	8,882	5,858	849	807
N.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	0	0
S.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	390	285
Nebr.	95	81	131	131	471	429
Kans.	189	35	323	35	489	650
W.N.C.	2/5,857	2/3,860	2/11,591	2/7,565	4,703	4,202
Del.	7,606	8,088	15,000	16,637	3/	3/
Md.	12,049	11,595	24,289	23,468	3/	3/
Va.	5,240	4,802	10,533	10,065	629	527
W.Va.	324	457	636	950	3/	3/
N.C.	18,542	19,369	36,198	38,757	1,116	873
S.C.	1,477	1,241	2,907	2,444	531	680
Ga.	32,039	33,245	63,978	67,258	1,701	2,362
Fla.	1,573	1,218	3,168	2,249	1,779	1,838
S.A.	78,850	80,015	156,709	161,828	3/5,978	3/6,340
Ky.	175	204	285	329	336	277
Tenn.	3,458	3,445	6,776	6,894	667	431
Ala.	19,734	22,886	39,103	45,451	1,287	1,205
Miss.	12,878	12,825	25,958	25,779	1,131	1,290
Ark.	22,667	26,151	44,337	52,851	1,086	1,094
La.	2,551	2,416	5,148	5,073	105	145
Okla.	778	490	1,444	900	445	333
Texas	12,220	11,458	24,478	22,653	2,484	2,249
S.C.	74,461	79,875	147,529	159,930	7,541	7,024
Idaho	436	326	861	662	85	99
Colo.	30	29	36	40	170	203
Utah	159	157	309	328	178	163
Wash.	1,542	1,659	3,037	3,238	1,329	880
Oreg.	1,100	913	2,069	1,892	290	177
Calif.	5,054	4,861	10,369	10,035	6,025	4,949
West.	4/8,347	4/7,968	4/16,726	4/16,235	4/8,356	6,685
48 States	185,164	187,972	367,097	378,408	42,204	36,920
Hawaii	116	100	230	199	80	88
U.S.	185,280	188,072	367,327	378,607	42,284	37,008

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined- to avoid disclosing individual operations. 2/ To avoid disclosing individual operations - West North Central total includes North and South Dakota. 3/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. 4/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg-type		February		Total		
	Jan. through Feb.		Average 1959-63:		Jan. through Feb.		
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1965
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	797	654	5,189	6,227	5,896	12,111	12,016
N.H.	379	410	1,353	1,019	777	2,018	1,501
Vt.	99	60	44	47	30	99	60
Mass.& R.I. 1/	1,834	1,466	2,316	1,715	1,567	3,172	2,838
Conn.	1,430	1,033	3,400	2,691	1,946	4,979	3,823
N.Y.	3,190	2,850	2,007	1,800	1,550	3,455	2,935
N.J.	1,610	900	2,536	1,161	686	1,911	1,242
Pa.	5,317	3,531	7,578	6,995	6,050	13,233	12,008
N.A.	14,656	10,904	24,422	21,655	18,502	40,978	36,423
Ohio	3,390	3,100	3,214	2,540	2,300	4,290	4,400
Ind.	3,497	3,827	6,565	4,514	3,696	8,186	7,232
Ill.	2,342	2,739	3,056	1,671	1,615	2,547	2,915
Mich.	2,070	1,550	1,568	1,670	1,240	2,980	2,330
Wis.	723	980	2,076	1,225	1,570	2,239	2,650
E.N.C.	12,022	12,196	16,480	11,620	10,421	20,242	19,527
Minn.	1,947	1,662	2,542	2,184	1,643	3,819	2,997
Iowa	2,000	2,200	2,722	1,390	1,105	2,380	2,405
Mo.	1,088	1,161	6,703	5,350	3,833	9,970	7,019
N.Dak.	0	0	42	2/	2/	2/	2/
S.Dak.	580	450	466	2/	2/	2/	2/
Nebr.	923	639	1,188	566	510	1,054	770
Kans.	857	860	846	678	685	1,180	895
W.N.C.	7,395	6,972	14,509	2/10,560	2/8,062	2/18,986	2/14,537
Del.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Md.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Va.	1,018	955	6,789	5,869	5,329	11,551	11,020
W.Va.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
N.C.	1,871	1,454	15,741	19,658	20,242	38,069	40,211
S.C.	916	1,182	2,347	2,008	1,921	3,823	3,626
Ga.	3,033	4,204	31,191	33,740	35,607	67,011	71,462
Fla.	3,327	3,749	2,732	3,352	3,056	6,495	5,998
S.A.	3/10,497	3/11,656	3/75,769	3/84,828	3/86,355	3/167,266	3/173,484
Ky.	519	487	1,146	511	481	804	816
Tenn.	1,050	713	4,117	4,125	3,876	7,826	7,607
Ala.	2,207	2,769	15,513	21,021	24,091	41,310	48,220
Miss.	2,108	2,439	11,026	14,009	14,115	28,066	28,218
Ark.	2,096	2,028	16,083	23,753	27,245	46,433	54,879
La.	225	376	2,134	2,656	2,561	5,373	5,449
Okl.	641	559	1,229	1,223	823	2,085	1,459
Texas	4,275	3,929	12,411	14,704	13,707	28,753	26,582
S.C.	13,121	13,300	63,659	82,002	86,899	160,650	173,230
Idaho	146	158	564	521	425	1,007	820
Colo.	318	333	271	200	232	354	373
Utah	288	241	432	337	320	597	569
Wash.	2,087	1,632	2,357	2,871	2,539	5,124	4,870
Oreg.	457	421	1,647	1,390	1,090	2,526	2,313
Calif.	11,909	10,455	10,429	11,079	9,810	22,278	20,490
West.	4/15,711	4/13,529	4/16,088	4/16,703	4/14,653	4/32,437	4/29,764
48 States	73,402	68,557	210,927	227,368	224,892	440,499	446,965
Hawaii	200	162	194	196	188	430	361
U.S.	73,602	68,719	211,121	227,564	225,080	440,929	447,326

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1964	1965	Change from: last year	1964	1965	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
<u>Broiler-type</u>							
January	182,047	190,535	+ 5	182,047	190,535	+ 8,488	+ 5
February	185,280	188,072	+ 2	367,327	378,607	+11,280	+ 3
March	211,967			579,294			
April	211,109			790,403			
May	219,650			1,010,053			
June	205,633			1,215,686			
July	201,251			1,416,937			
August	186,505			1,603,442			
September	166,372			1,769,814			
October	174,502			1,944,316			
November	176,035			2,120,351			
December	185,608			2,305,959			
<u>Egg-type</u>							
January	31,318	31,711	+ 1	31,318	31,711	+ 393	+ 1
February	42,284	37,008	- 12	73,602	68,719	- 4,883	- 7
March	74,336			147,938			
April	89,534			237,472			
May	77,424			314,896			
June	46,947			361,843			
July	32,308			394,151			
August	26,678			420,829			
September	28,331			449,160			
October	28,872			478,032			
November	24,847			502,879			
December	25,142			528,021			
<u>Total chicks</u>							
January	213,365	222,246	+ 4	213,365	222,246	+ 8,881	+ 4
February	227,564	225,080	- 1	440,929	447,326	+ 6,397	+ 1
March	286,303			727,232			
April	300,643			1,027,875			
May	297,074			1,324,949			
June	252,580			1,577,529			
July	233,559			1,811,088			
August	213,183			2,024,271			
September	194,703			2,218,974			
October	203,374			2,422,348			
November	200,882			2,623,230			
December	210,750			2,833,980			

Chicken eggs in incubators March 1, 1965

Geographic divisions	Percent change from March 1, 1964		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
North Atlantic	0	- 29	- 13
East North Central	- 24	- 15	- 17
West North Central	- 27	- 30	- 29
South Atlantic	+ 1	- 13	- 1
South Central	+ 7	- 11	+ 5
West	0	- 11	- 5
48 States	+ 2	- 20	- 4
United States 1/	+ 2	- 20	- 4

1/ Includes Hawaii.

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic divisions	White		Other		Total		Light breeds 1/	
	heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during February								
North Atlantic	32	14	38	52	70	66	5	5
East North Central	323	364	198	154	521	518	81	89
West North Central	1,150	1,448	1,835	1,508	2,985	2,956	216	231
South Atlantic	368	404	272	436	640	840	311	328
South Central	516	460	363	445	879	905	57	39
West	750	1,114	1,636	1,228	2,386	2,342	135	60
United States	3,139	3,804	4,342	3,823	7,481	7,627	805	752
Turkey eggs in incubators March 1	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
North Atlantic	132	81	222	80	354	161	35	3
East North Central	2,033	2,039	1,355	1,034	3,388	3,073	197	215
West North Central	3,769	4,520	6,429	5,744	10,198	10,264	337	319
South Atlantic	1,043	1,306	1,119	1,081	2,162	2,387	621	738
South Central	1,539	1,323	1,883	1,527	3,422	2,850	83	71
West	1,647	1,920	4,446	3,922	6,093	5,842	239	116
United States	10,163	11,189	15,454	13,388	25,617	24,577	1,512	1,462

See footnotes on page 7.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1964 <u>2/</u>	1965	Change from last year	1964 <u>2/</u>	1965	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Heavy white breeds <u>1/</u>							
January	1,828	<u>2/1,869</u>	+ 2	1,828	<u>2/1,869</u>	+ 41	+ 2
February	3,139	3,804	+ 21	4,967	5,673	+ 706	+ 14
March	6,700			11,667			
April	7,876			19,543			
May	7,996			27,539			
June	6,904			34,443			
July	3,423			37,866			
August	1,257			39,123			
September	513			39,636			
October	513			40,149			
November	617			40,766			
December	1,074			41,840			
Other heavy breeds <u>1/</u>							
January	1,419	<u>2/1,230</u>	- 13	1,419	<u>2/1,230</u>	- 189	- 13
February	4,342	3,823	- 12	5,761	5,053	- 708	- 12
March	10,883			16,644			
April	12,318			28,962			
May	11,934			40,896			
June	8,055			48,951			
July	2,998			51,949			
August	402			52,351			
September	170			52,521			
October	191			52,712			
November	250			52,962			
December	333			53,295			
Total all heavy breeds <u>1/</u>							
January	3,247	<u>2/3,099</u>	- 5	3,247	<u>2/3,099</u>	- 148	- 5
February	7,481	7,627	+ 2	10,728	10,726	- 2	0
March	17,583			28,311			
April	20,194			48,505			
May	19,930			68,435			
June	14,959			83,394			
July	6,421			89,815			
August	1,659			91,474			
September	683			92,157			
October	704			92,861			
November	867			93,728			
December	1,407			95,135			

See footnotes on page 7.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1964 <u>2/</u>	1965	Change from last year	1964 <u>2/</u>	1965	Change from last year		
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	
<u>Light breeds 1/</u>								
January	703	668	- 5	703	668	- 35	- 5	
February	805	752	- 7	1,508	1,420	- 88	- 6	
March	1,027			2,535				
April	1,299			3,834				
May	1,838			5,672				
June	1,777			7,449				
July	1,732			9,181				
August	1,271			10,452				
September	703			11,155				
October	675			11,830				
November	568			12,398				
December	634			13,032				
Total all								
<u>breeds 1/</u>								
January	3,950 <u>2/</u>	3,767	- 5	3,950 <u>2/</u>	3,767	- 183	- 5	
February	8,286	8,379	+ 1	12,236	12,146	- 90	- 1	
March	18,610			30,846				
April	21,493			52,339				
May	21,768			74,107				
June	16,736			90,843				
July	8,153			98,996				
August	2,930			101,926				
September	1,386			103,312				
October	1,379			104,691				
November	1,435			106,126				
December	2,041			108,167				

- 1/ Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other." Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys.
- 2/ Revised.

Turkey poult hatchery by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		Total all breeds	
	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	---	---	---	---	---	---
N.H.	---	---	---	---	1/ 200	1/ 251
Vt.-R.I.	---	---	---	---	1/ 1	1/ 0
Mass.	---	---	---	---	1/ 298	1/ 219
Conn.	---	---	---	---	1/ 564	1/ 442
N.Y.	---	---	---	---	1/ 334	1/ 334
N.J.	---	---	---	---	1/ 167	1/ 93
Pa.	1,182	1,288	198	360	1,380	1,648
N.A.	2,721	2,604	223	383	2,944	2,987
Ohio	3,662	4,012	959	779	4,621	4,791
Ind.	---	---	---	---	1/ 1,927	1/ 2,162
Ill.	1,035	1,160	17	42	1,052	1,202
Mich.	---	---	---	---	1/ 2,411	1/ 2,327
Wis.	---	---	---	---	1/ 3,967	1/ 3,815
E.N.C.	12,397	12,597	1,581	1,700	13,978	14,297
Minn.	18,853	18,480	2,151	2,144	21,004	20,624
Iowa	6,327	6,743	565	449	6,892	7,192
Mo.	4,007	5,984	546	593	4,553	6,577
N.Dak.	519	257	2	2	521	259
S.Dak.	---	---	---	---	1/ 403	1/ 481
Nebr.	---	---	---	---	1/ 847	1/ 938
Kans.	---	---	---	---	1/ 1,338	1/ 1,126
W.N.C.	31,766	33,567	3,792	3,630	35,558	37,197
Del.-W.Va.	---	---	---	---	1/ 567	1/ 821
Md.	---	---	---	---	1/ 243	1/ 214
Va.	2,242	1,937	3,181	4,484	5,423	6,421
N.C.	3,176	3,958	15	117	3,191	4,075
S.C.	---	---	---	---	1/ 557	1/ 724
Ga.	---	---	---	---	1/ 1,115	1/ 1,394
Fla.	---	---	---	---	1/ 311	1/ 213
S.A.	7,443	8,454	3,964	5,408	11,407	13,862
Ky.	982	1,221	0	0	982	1,221
Ala.	497	729	37	24	534	753
Miss.-Tenn.-La.	---	---	---	---	1/ 102	1/ 44
Ark.	2,577	2,306	245	264	2,822	2,570
Okla.	1,078	983	169	192	1,247	1,175
Texas	5,253	5,679	12	84	5,265	5,763
S.C.	10,487	10,962	465	564	10,952	11,526
Mont.-Idaho-	---	---	---	---	---	---
N.Mex.	---	---	---	---	1/ 474	1/ 229
Wyo.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Colo.	---	---	---	---	1/ 728	1/ 1,094
Ariz.	208	178	0	0	208	178
Utah	2,541	2,420	0	0	2,541	2,420
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wash.	---	---	---	---	1/ 329	1/ 344
Oreg.	3,107	2,392	321	275	3,428	2,667
Calif.	19,539	20,364	278	1,002	19,817	21,366
West.	26,854	26,951	671	1,347	27,525	28,298
U.S.	91,668	95,135	10,696	13,032	102,364	108,167

1/ Heavy and light breeds combined and in some cases States combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,530	5,784	6,207	6,239	6,569	6,277	6,089
N.H.	810	829	793	812	698	651	760
Vt.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mass. & R.I. 1/	626	712	751	717	928	794	771
Conn.	1,687	1,862	1,878	1,979	1,826	1,526	1,584
N.Y.	135	130	150	140	140	90	90
N.J.	150	151	140	170	145	195	156
Pa.	3,881	4,035	4,348	3,615	4,013	3,945	3,976
N. A.	12,819	13,503	14,267	13,672	14,319	13,479	13,426
Ohio	420	480	620	660	580	640	690
Ind.	2,364	2,325	2,668	3,571	3,127	3,198	3,547
Ill.	90	115	172	140	157	96	75
Mich.	460	450	470	515	510	460	445
Wis.	740	776	994	1,064	952	967	942
E. N. C.	4,074	4,146	4,924	5,950	5,326	5,361	5,699
Minn.	992	880	1,106	1,164	1,146	1,073	984
Iowa	190	190	280	370	310	120	140
Mo.	4,381	4,501	4,620	4,371	4,440	3,887	3,698
Nebr.	36	95	340	504	441	158	34
Kans.	134	189	291	208	117	29	9
W. N. C.	2/ 5,734	2/ 5,857	2/ 6,706	2/ 6,783	2/ 6,593	2/ 5,353	2/ 4,865
Del.	7,394	7,606	8,939	8,505	8,890	8,474	8,309
Md.	12,240	12,049	12,947	12,714	13,128	12,373	11,665
Va.	5,293	5,240	5,980	6,076	6,225	6,076	5,618
W.Va.	312	324	367	393	466	439	448
N.C.	17,656	18,542	21,159	20,542	20,895	20,227	20,335
S.C.	1,430	1,477	1,735	1,663	1,791	1,491	1,297
Ga.	31,939	32,039	37,120	37,012	39,754	37,756	36,439
Fla.	1,595	1,573	1,803	1,888	1,931	1,831	1,627
S. A.	77,859	78,850	90,050	88,793	93,080	88,667	85,738
Ky.	110	175	297	270	309	282	265
Tenn.	3,318	3,458	3,929	4,118	4,512	4,291	4,265
Ala.	19,369	19,734	23,775	23,996	24,796	23,101	22,324
Miss.	13,080	12,878	14,134	13,916	14,552	14,069	12,645
Ark.	21,670	22,667	26,630	26,545	28,483	25,193	27,520
La.	2,597	2,551	2,733	2,870	3,020	2,670	2,479
Okla.	666	778	922	781	703	711	539
Texas	12,258	12,220	13,796	14,047	14,163	13,360	12,819
S. C.	73,068	74,461	86,216	86,543	90,538	83,677	82,856
Idaho	425	436	505	514	480	432	440
Colo.	6	30	49	64	63	20	3
Utah	150	159	180	184	205	160	162
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	1,495	1,542	1,996	1,722	2,106	1,896	1,602
Oreg.	969	1,100	1,099	1,174	1,156	1,289	1,185
Calif.	5,315	5,054	5,821	5,546	5,632	5,164	5,117
West.	3/ 8,379	3/ 8,347	3/ 9,689	3/ 9,256	3/ 9,691	3/ 8,984	3/ 8,539
48 States	181,933	185,164	211,852	210,997	219,547	205,521	201,123
Hawaii	114	116	115	112	103	112	128
U. S.	182,047	185,280	211,967	211,109	219,650	205,633	201,250

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Broiler-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,842	4,952	5,002	5,472	5,638	69,601
N.H.	816	728	533	554	528	8,512
Vt.	0	1	0	0	0	2
Mass. & R.I. ^{1/}	566	463	591	618	738	8,275
Conn.	1,442	1,281	1,343	1,110	1,336	18,854
N.Y.	65	45	35	25	30	1,075
N.J.	107	95	152	120	139	1,720
Pa.	4,210	3,791	3,600	4,116	3,983	47,513
N.A.	13,048	11,356	11,256	12,015	12,392	155,552
Ohio	530	610	560	600	630	7,020
Ind.	2,866	3,187	2,374	1,768	1,872	32,867
Ill.	70	41	63	81	66	1,166
Mich.	420	420	395	380	380	5,305
Wis.	809	685	732	800	883	10,344
E.N.C.	4,695	4,943	4,124	3,629	3,831	56,702
Minn.	863	862	710	700	760	11,240
Iowa	90	160	100	130	140	2,220
Mo.	3,201	2,737	2,812	2,669	2,995	44,312
Nebr.	19	16	4	1	7	1,655
Kans.	3	3	6	1	0	990
W.N.C.	2/ 4,176	2/ 3,778	2/ 3,632	2/ 3,501	2/ 3,902	2/ 60,880
Del.	7,809	6,908	7,570	7,428	7,798	95,630
Md.	11,099	10,430	11,199	10,804	11,519	142,167
Va.	5,268	4,710	4,596	4,558	4,787	64,427
W.Va.	428	400	415	425	504	4,921
N.C.	20,277	16,579	17,025	16,906	18,191	228,334
S.C.	1,137	983	1,197	1,113	1,048	16,362
Ga.	34,124	30,575	30,956	31,329	33,927	412,970
Fla.	1,498	1,301	1,323	1,292	1,099	18,761
S.A.	81,640	71,886	74,281	73,855	78,873	983,572
Ky.	186	223	316	250	184	2,867
Tenn.	3,943	3,308	3,744	3,601	3,228	45,715
Ala.	21,237	19,245	20,459	20,654	21,353	260,043
Miss.	11,765	10,850	11,410	11,753	13,115	154,167
Ark.	23,921	21,762	24,268	24,352	25,916	298,927
La.	2,385	2,330	2,364	2,227	2,490	30,716
Okla.	298	223	472	354	356	6,803
Texas	10,785	9,407	10,915	11,738	11,818	147,326
S.C.	74,520	67,348	73,948	74,929	78,460	946,564
Idaho	389	375	328	369	337	5,030
Colo.	1	2	1	0	12	251
Utah	123	118	119	110	141	1,811
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	1,752	1,331	1,404	1,456	1,405	19,707
Oreg.	1,093	922	766	805	985	12,543
Calif.	4,922	4,161	4,466	5,241	5,133	61,572
West.	3/ 8,298	3/ 6,934	3/ 7,107	3/ 7,999	3/ 8,040	3/ 101,263
48 States	186,377	166,245	174,348	175,928	185,498	2,304,533
Hawaii	128	127	154	107	110	1,426
U.S.	186,505	166,372	174,502	176,035	185,608	2,305,959

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ West North Central total includes North and South Dakota.

3/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Egg-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	354	443	526	394	581	268	259
N.H.	189	190	402	298	269	283	197
Vt.	52	47	34	51	40	3	0
Mass.&R.I.1/	831	1,003	1,305	1,283	1,060	702	445
Conn.	601	829	965	1,119	841	709	497
N.Y.	1,520	1,670	2,170	2,360	2,270	1,880	1,570
N.J.	600	1,010	1,520	1,475	1,070	825	560
Pa.	2,357	2,960	4,223	4,671	4,089	3,118	2,111
N.A.	6,504	8,152	11,145	11,651	10,220	7,788	5,639
Ohio	1,330	2,060	3,620	4,440	3,700	2,340	1,770
Ind.	1,308	2,189	3,509	4,450	3,613	2,784	2,484
Ill.	786	1,556	3,524	4,281	3,662	2,214	905
Mich.	850	1,220	1,690	1,970	1,940	1,420	820
Wis.	274	449	1,948	2,165	1,731	673	244
E.N.C.	4,548	7,474	14,291	17,306	14,646	9,431	6,223
Minn.	643	1,304	4,707	7,466	5,932	1,698	623
Iowa	800	1,200	5,250	11,300	9,850	3,150	850
Mo.	239	849	2,907	3,677	3,376	1,604	483
N.Dak.	0	0	255	515	415	81	2/ 156
S.Dak.	190	390	1,680	3,370	2,940	580	2/ ---
Nebr.	452	471	2,336	3,819	3,099	1,205	210
Kans.	368	489	1,736	2,001	1,268	514	253
W.N.C.	2,692	4,703	18,871	32,148	26,880	8,832	2,575
Md.	94	165	206	230	141	87	196
Va.	389	629	1,045	1,186	950	580	518
N.C.	755	1,116	1,781	1,750	1,178	1,042	645
S.C.	385	531	942	835	672	562	419
Ga.	1,332	1,701	3,176	3,223	3,131	2,338	2,284
Fla.	1,548	1,779	2,155	1,928	1,803	1,870	1,367
S.A.	3/ 4,519	3/ 5,978	3/ 9,402	3/ 9,272	3/ 7,962	3/ 6,525	3/ 5,467
Ky.	183	336	619	631	409	288	177
Tenn.	383	667	905	924	827	544	387
Ala.	920	1,287	1,669	1,472	1,570	1,112	722
Miss.	977	1,131	1,449	1,443	1,220	896	885
Ark.	1,010	1,086	1,549	1,567	1,607	1,427	1,192
La.	120	105	308	413	320	230	96
Okla.	196	445	818	743	494	241	182
Texas	1,791	2,484	3,441	3,096	2,164	1,836	1,266
S.C.	5,580	7,541	10,758	10,289	8,611	6,574	4,907
Idaho	61	85	206	245	194	74	31
Colo.	148	170	276	264	179	134	107
Utah	110	178	284	247	153	84	92
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	758	1,329	1,430	1,134	1,266	976	902
Oreg.	167	290	469	394	413	327	271
Calif.	5,884	6,025	6,610	6,091	6,431	5,859	5,890
West.	5/ 7,355	5/ 8,356	5/ 9,762	5/ 8,789	5/ 9,002	5/ 7,680	5/ 7,409
48 States	31,198	42,204	74,229	89,455	77,321	46,830	32,220
Hawaii	120	80	107	79	103	117	88
U.S.	31,318	42,284	74,336	89,534	77,424	46,947	32,308

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Egg-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	217	291	296	254	210	4,093
N.H.	72	132	161	115	138	2,446
Vt.	0	0	0	4	18	249
Mass. & R.I. ^{1/}	169	280	361	668	555	8,662
Conn.	349	410	414	359	445	7,538
N.Y.	1,560	1,310	1,450	1,460	1,440	20,660
N.J.	400	405	320	275	390	8,850
Pa.	1,467	1,351	1,360	1,312	1,588	30,607
N.A.	4,234	4,179	4,362	4,447	4,784	83,105
Ohio	1,350	1,440	1,450	990	1,010	25,500
Ind.	1,645	1,749	1,407	1,337	1,444	27,919
Ill.	944	1,147	963	695	696	21,373
Mich.	740	620	860	630	650	13,410
Wis.	340	275	153	188	297	8,737
E.N.C.	5,019	5,231	4,833	3,840	4,097	96,939
Minn.	396	503	469	551	538	24,830
Iowa	400	550	400	350	300	34,400
Mo.	399	358	269	262	328	14,751
N.Dak.&S.Dak. ^{2/}	55	100	224	84	65	11,100
Nebr.	45	110	156	130	125	12,158
Kans.	301	272	177	139	223	7,741
W.N.C.	1,596	1,893	1,695	1,516	1,579	104,980
Md.	45	65	113	67	64	1,473
Va.	513	422	360	446	323	7,361
N.C.	594	888	532	377	522	11,180
S.C.	424	448	475	370	361	6,424
Ga.	2,055	2,053	2,281	1,585	1,185	26,344
Fla.	1,466	1,181	1,537	1,383	1,421	19,438
S.A.	3/ 5,105	3/ 5,060	3/ 5,318	3/ 4,229	3/ 3,882	3/ 72,719
Ky. & Okla. ^{4/}	260	403	474	264	292	7,455
Tenn.	300	202	182	288	155	5,764
Ala.	680	836	959	992	901	13,120
Miss.	833	964	864	891	803	12,356
Ark.	869	1,155	1,094	926	871	14,353
La.	170	256	277	151	236	2,682
Okla.	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Texas	1,388	1,882	2,050	1,397	1,284	24,079
S.C.	4,500	5,698	5,900	4,909	4,542	79,809
Idaho	45	50	42	41	41	1,115
Colo.	66	45	46	88	104	1,627
Utah	41	75	53	56	47	1,420
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	823	803	910	800	711	11,842
Oreg.	200	214	252	160	242	3,399
Calif.	4,861	4,864	5,163	4,535	4,888	67,101
West.	5/ 6,128	5/ 6,215	5/ 6,668	5/ 5,819	5/ 6,193	5/ 89,376
48 States	26,582	28,276	28,776	24,760	25,077	526,928
Hawaii	96	55	96	87	65	1,093
U.S.	26,678	28,331	28,872	24,847	25,142	528,021

^{1/} Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

^{2/} North and South Dakota combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

^{3/} South Atlantic total includes Delaware and West Virginia.

^{4/} Kentucky and Oklahoma combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

^{5/} West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Arizona.

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For January 1964 should read:

Maryland	12,334 instead of 13,573
South Atlantic	82,378 instead of 84,343
48 States	213,131 instead of 215,096
U. S.	213,365 instead of 215,330

for July 1964:

South Atlantic	91,205 instead of 91,120
48 States	233,343 instead of 233,258
U. S.	233,559 instead of 233,474

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for August 1964 should read:

Maryland	11,144 instead of 11,115
South Atlantic	86,745 instead of 86,716
48 States	212,959 instead of 212,930
U. S.	213,183 instead of 213,154

for December 1964:

Maryland	11,583 instead of 9,646
South Atlantic	82,755 instead of 79,494
48 States	210,575 instead of 207,314
U. S.	210,750 instead of 207,489

Totals for 1964:

Maryland	143,640 instead of 142,913
South Atlantic	1,056,291 instead of 1,054,881
48 States	2,831,461 instead of 2,830,051
U. S.	2,833,980 instead of 2,832,570

All chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,884	6,227	6,733	6,633	7,150	6,545	6,348
N.H.	999	1,019	1,195	1,110	967	934	957
Vt.	52	47	34	51	40	4	0
Mass. & R.I. 1/	1,457	1,715	2,056	2,000	1,988	1,496	1,216
Conn.	2,288	2,691	2,843	3,098	2,667	2,235	2,081
N.Y.	1,655	1,800	2,320	2,500	2,410	1,970	1,660
N.J.	750	1,161	1,660	1,645	1,215	1,020	716
Pa.	6,238	6,995	8,571	8,286	8,102	7,063	6,087
N. A.	19,323	21,655	25,412	25,323	24,539	21,267	19,065
Ohio	1,750	2,540	4,240	5,100	4,280	2,980	2,460
Ind.	3,672	4,514	6,177	8,021	6,740	5,982	6,031
Ill.	876	1,671	3,696	4,421	3,819	2,310	980
Mich.	1,310	1,670	2,160	2,485	2,450	1,880	1,265
Wis.	1,014	1,225	2,942	3,229	2,683	1,640	1,186
E. N. C.	8,622	11,620	19,215	23,256	19,972	14,792	11,922
Minn.	1,635	2,184	5,813	8,630	7,078	2,771	1,607
Iowa	990	1,390	5,530	11,670	10,160	3,270	990
Mo.	4,620	5,350	7,527	8,048	7,816	5,491	4,181
Nebr.	488	566	2,676	4,323	3,540	1,363	244
Kans.	502	678	2,027	2,209	1,385	543	262
W. N. C.	2/ 8,426	2/ 10,560	2/ 25,577	2/ 38,931	2/ 33,473	2/ 14,185	2/ 7,440
Md.	13,573	12,214	13,153	12,944	13,269	12,460	11,861
Va.	5,682	5,869	7,025	7,262	7,175	6,656	6,136
N.C.	18,411	19,658	22,940	22,292	22,073	21,269	20,980
S.C.	1,815	2,008	2,677	2,498	2,463	2,053	1,716
Ga.	33,271	33,740	40,296	40,235	42,885	40,094	38,723
Fla.	3,143	3,352	3,958	3,816	3,734	3,701	2,994
S. A.	3/ 84,343	3/ 84,828	3/ 99,452	3/ 98,065	3/ 101,042	3/ 95,192	3/ 91,120
Tenn.	3,701	4,125	4,834	5,042	5,339	4,835	4,652
Ala.	20,289	21,021	25,444	25,468	26,366	24,213	23,046
Miss.	14,057	14,009	15,583	15,359	15,772	14,965	13,530
Ark.	22,680	23,753	28,179	28,112	30,090	26,620	28,712
La.	2,717	2,656	3,041	3,283	3,340	2,900	2,575
Texas	14,049	14,704	17,237	17,143	16,327	15,196	14,085
S. C.	4/ 78,648	4/ 82,002	4/ 96,974	4/ 96,832	4/ 99,149	4/ 90,251	4/ 87,763
Mont.	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Idaho	486	521	711	759	674	506	471
Colo.	154	200	325	328	242	154	110
Ariz.	135	173	246	195	224	126	94
Utah	260	337	464	431	358	244	254
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	2,253	2,871	3,426	2,856	3,372	2,872	2,504
Oreg.	1,136	1,390	1,568	1,568	1,569	1,616	1,456
Calif.	11,199	11,079	12,431	11,637	12,063	11,023	11,007
West.	5/ 15,734	5/ 16,703	5/ 19,451	5/ 18,045	5/ 18,693	5/ 16,664	5/ 15,948
48 States	215,096	227,368	286,081	300,452	296,868	252,351	233,258
Hawaii	234	196	222	191	206	229	216
U. S.	215,330	227,564	286,303	300,643	297,074	252,580	233,474

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All chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries 1964

State and division	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	6,059	5,243	5,298	5,726	5,848	73,694
N.H.	888	860	694	669	666	10,958
Vt.	0	1	0	4	18	251
Mass. & R.I. 1/	735	743	952	1,286	1,293	16,937
Conn.	1,791	1,691	1,757	1,469	1,781	26,392
N.Y.	1,625	1,355	1,485	1,485	1,470	21,735
N.J.	507	500	472	395	529	10,570
Pa.	5,677	5,142	4,960	5,428	5,571	78,120
N.A.	17,282	15,535	15,618	16,462	17,176	238,657
Ohio	1,880	2,050	2,010	1,590	1,640	32,520
Ind.	4,511	4,936	3,781	3,105	3,316	60,786
Ill.	1,014	1,188	1,026	776	762	22,539
Mich.	1,160	1,040	1,255	1,010	1,030	18,715
Wis.	1,149	960	885	988	1,180	19,081
E.N.C.	9,714	10,174	8,957	7,469	7,928	153,641
Minn.	1,259	1,365	1,179	1,251	1,298	36,070
Iowa	490	710	500	480	440	36,620
Mo.	3,600	3,095	3,081	2,931	3,323	59,063
Nebr.	64	126	160	131	132	13,813
Kans.	304	275	183	140	223	8,731
W.N.C.	2/ 5,772	2/ 5,671	2/ 5,327	2/ 5,017	2/ 5,481	2/ 165,860
Md.	11,115	10,495	11,312	10,871	9,646	142,913
Va.	5,781	5,132	4,956	5,004	5,110	71,788
N.C.	20,871	17,467	17,557	17,283	18,713	239,514
S.C.	1,561	1,431	1,672	1,483	1,409	22,786
Ga.	36,179	32,628	33,237	32,914	35,112	439,314
Fla.	2,964	2,482	2,860	2,675	2,520	38,199
S.A.	3/ 86,716	3/ 76,946	3/ 79,599	3/ 78,084	3/ 79,494	3/ 1,054,881
Tenn.	4,243	3,510	3,926	3,889	3,383	51,479
Ala.	21,917	20,081	21,418	21,646	22,254	273,163
Miss.	12,598	11,814	12,274	12,644	13,918	166,523
Ark.	24,790	22,917	25,362	25,278	26,787	313,280
La.	2,555	2,586	2,641	2,378	2,726	33,398
Texas	12,173	11,289	12,965	13,135	13,102	171,405
S.C.	4/ 79,020	4/ 73,046	4/ 79,848	4/ 79,838	4/ 83,002	4/ 1,026,373
Mont.	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	974
Idaho	434	425	370	410	378	6,145
Colo.	67	47	47	88	116	1,878
Ariz.	99	168	218	97	124	1,899
Utah	164	193	172	166	188	3,231
Nev.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	2,575	2,134	2,314	2,256	2,116	31,549
Oreg.	1,293	1,136	1,018	965	1,227	15,942
Calif.	9,783	9,025	9,629	9,776	10,021	128,673
West.	5/ 14,426	5/ 13,149	5/ 13,775	5/ 13,818	5/ 14,232	5/ 190,639
48 States	212,930	194,521	203,124	200,688	207,314	2,830,051
Hawaii	224	182	250	194	175	2,519
U.S.	213,154	194,703	203,374	200,882	207,489	2,832,570

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ West North Central total includes North and South Dakota.

3/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware and West Virginia.

4/ South Central total includes Kentucky and Oklahoma.

5/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Number of hatcheries, egg capacity by States - reported January 1, 1963 and 1965

State and division	Number of hatcheries				Egg Capacity			
	Chickens		Turkeys		Chickens		Turkeys	
	1963	1965	1963	1965	1963	1965	1963	1965
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	19	16	0	0	7,551	7,006	0	0
N.H.	12	5	6	4	2,528	1,790	101	112
Vt.	6	1/	---	---	209	1/	---	---
Mass.	37	23	11	9	5,009	3,042	307	200
R.I.	5	5	1/	0	418	420	1/	0
Conn.	16	15	4	1/	6,997	5,717	184	1/
N.Y.	63	56	19	14	5,883	5,744	371	296
N.J.	41	31	9	4	5,933	5,305	256	108
Pa.	142	115	45	39	18,751	16,865	1,609	1,553
N.A.	341	266	94	70	53,279	45,889	2,236	2,269
Ohio	117	92	33	29	13,510	9,779	2,650	2,671
Ind.	134	114	9	6	19,003	16,043	727	467
Ill.	116	90	12	11	14,433	12,509	792	884
Mich.	52	45	8	5	4,528	4,028	1,780	904
Wis.	91	73	11	11	7,991	6,284	1,230	1,288
E.N.C.	510	414	73	62	59,465	48,643	7,179	6,214
Minn.	175	147	50	40	20,343	18,824	5,978	5,360
Iowa	282	217	37	31	25,676	21,229	4,709	4,271
Mo.	161	120	37	28	27,601	22,630	3,222	3,028
N.Dak.	22	17	3	1/	1,762	1,201	432	1/
S.Dak.	79	65	6	1/	6,615	5,313	279	1/
Nebr.	98	92	11	13	8,586	7,901	688	918
Kans.	83	65	9	7	6,238	4,840	679	694
W.N.C.	900	723	153	119	96,821	81,938	15,987	14,271
Del.	18	15	3	0	9,864	10,896	53	0
Md.	23	21	8	5	16,798	17,897	186	148
Va.	45	31	13	9	11,068	8,991	3,542	3,150
W.Va.	8	5	1/	3	1,476	911	1/	259
N.C.	99	84	10	11	26,433	27,586	2,004	2,655
S.C.	38	14	6	4	4,152	2,797	467	285
Ga.	157	138	6	7	50,791	49,654	525	1,015
Fla.	27	30	8	4	3,254	6,060	293	89
S.A.	415	338	54	43	123,836	124,792	7,195	7,601
Ky.	33	26	1/	1/	3,550	2,283	1/	1/
Tenn.	48	35	0	0	7,465	6,517	---	0
Ala.	79	84	4	6	26,067	35,418	56	401
Miss.	51	37	3	1/	19,330	21,267	88	1/
Ark.	78	63	6	4	31,442	36,182	1,315	731
La.	19	18	---	---	3,529	4,055	---	0
Okla.	43	29	12	8	4,904	3,632	756	916
Texas	170	146	34	32	28,901	27,583	3,006	3,057
S.C.	521	438	59	50	125,188	136,937	5,077	5,105
Mont.	13	7	---	---	890	729	---	0
Idaho	18	16	1/	1/	1,481	1,266	1/	1/
Wyo.	1/	1/	---	---	1/	1/	---	0
Colo.	12	7	6	5	1,196	1,027	471	891
N.Mex.	1/	1/	0	0	1/	1/	0	0
Ariz.	7	4	4	1/	642	413	84	1/
Utah	10	9	7	7	1,180	1,070	1,283	1,150
Wash.	32	28	5	6	4,194	4,763	176	204
Oreg.	25	21	16	16	3,552	3,590	2,039	2,059
Calif.	92	81	72	63	21,903	19,496	10,449	9,341
West.	209	173	110	97	35,038	32,354	14,502	13,645
48 States	2,900	2,357	551	453	493,797	470,760	54,237	51,085
Hawaii	11	8	---	---	649	558	---	---
U.S.	2,911	2,365	551	453	494,446	471,318	54,237	51,085

1/ Less than 3 hatcheries 1963-65 included in United States totals.

Number of hatcheries and egg capacity by size group
United States, reported January 1, 1963 and 1965

Size group number of eggs	Chick Hatcheries							
	Number of Hatcheries				Egg-Capacity			
	1963		1965		1963		1965	
	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Egg capacity	% of total	Egg capacity	% of total
					Thou.		Thou.	
Under 25,000	258	8.9	203	8.6	3,665	0.7	3,634	0.8
25,000 to 59,999	681	23.4	478	20.2	27,703	5.6	19,371	4.1
60,000 to 99,999	710	24.4	544	23.0	54,303	11.0	41,948	8.9
100,000 to 199,999	563	19.3	486	20.5	80,931	16.4	69,848	14.8
200,000 to 499,999	469	16.1	402	17.0	146,535	29.6	125,857	26.7
500,000 and over	230	7.9	252	10.7	181,309	36.7	210,660	44.7
All Hatcheries	2,911	100.0	2,365	100.0	494,446	100.0	471,318	100.0

Size group number of eggs	Turkey Hatcheries							
	Number of Hatcheries				Egg-Capacity			
	1963		1965		1963		1965	
	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Egg capacity	% of total	Egg capacity	% of total
					Thou.		Thou.	
Under 25,000	165	30.0	118	26.0	1,999	3.7	1,456	2.8
25,000 to 59,999	128	23.2	102	22.5	5,050	9.3	3,962	7.8
60,000 to 99,999	87	15.8	75	16.6	6,901	12.7	6,034	11.8
100,000 to 199,999	90	16.3	83	18.3	12,005	22.1	11,581	22.7
200,000 to 499,999	70	12.7	58	12.8	20,722	38.2	17,232	33.7
500,000 and over	11	2.0	17	3.8	7,560	14.0	10,820	21.2
All Hatcheries	551	100.0	453	100.0	54,237	100.0	51,085	100.0

Number of Hatcheries and Egg Capacity Reported January 1, 1965

The number of chick hatcheries operating in the United States on January 1, 1965 was 2,365 compared with 2,911 on January 1, 1963 and 6,890 on January 1, 1953. Egg capacity of hatcheries in the United States operating January 1, 1965 was 471,318,000 eggs compared with 494,446,000 on January 1, 1963. Between January 1, 1963 and January 1, 1965 there was an increase in both the number and egg capacity of hatcheries with 500,000 egg capacity and over, and this group accounted for over 45 percent of the total egg capacity. On January 1, 1963 hatcheries of 500,000 egg capacity and over had 37 percent of the total egg capacity. In 1965 hatcheries with a capacity of 100,000 eggs and over had 86 percent of the total egg capacity compared with 83 percent of the total egg capacity in 1963 and 61 percent of the total egg capacity in 1953. The decrease in number of hatcheries operating during the past two years was general throughout the country. Increases in egg capacity was reported in only two regions of the country--the South Atlantic and South Central regions.

Fewer and larger turkey hatcheries has been the trend during the past 6 years of available statistics. The 453 hatcheries operating as of January 1, 1965 compares with 551 on January 1, 1963 and 682 on January 1, 1959. Egg capacity of the turkey hatcheries decreased also from January 1, 1963 to January 1, 1965. Egg capacity decreased from 54,237,000 eggs on January 1, 1963 to 51,085,000 on January 1, 1965. There was an increase in both number and egg capacity between 1963 and 1965 in turkey hatcheries having egg capacities of 500,000 eggs and over. The increase in number was from 11 to 17. The increase in egg capacity was from 7,560,000 eggs to 10,820,000 eggs. On January 1, 1965 turkey hatcheries having egg capacities of 100,000 eggs and over had 78 percent of the total egg capacity of all the turkey hatcheries. On January 1, 1963 this size group had 74 percent of the total egg capacity and on January 1, 1959, 61 percent of the total egg capacity.

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